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- (ii) To estimate the recurring and non-recurring cost involved in introducing, with effect from 1928-29, the course referred to in a limited number of schools; and
- (iii) To specify the schools suitable for the experiment.
- (d) The answer is in the negative.
- (e) The question will be considered when the Committee's report is received and examined.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c) now that Mr. Statham is away, may I know whether any one has been nominated in his place ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No one has been nominated in his place."

Representation of teacher-managers in District Educational Councils.

* 1530 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the representation given to teacher-managers of elementary schools in the Educational Councils of certain districts is meant to cover all non-mission aided schools in those areas ;

(b) whether the Government are aware that there are a good many non-mission aided elementary schools which are not under teacher-managers but are managed by associations or persons who are not teachers ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to give representation to the managing bodies or managers of such schools ?

A.—(a) No. The representation covers all non-mission aided schools run by teacher-managers.

(b) & (c) The number of schools under the management of associations or persons who are not teachers themselves is not large enough in several districts to justify the grant of separate representation. If, however, the managements of such schools in districts which contain a sufficiently large number of them form themselves into associations and apply to Government, the question of according them representation on the District Educational Councils will be considered.

Travelling allowances to representatives of teacher-managers in District Educational Councils.

* 1531 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the teacher-managers of non-mission aided schools who have recently been given representation in District Educational Councils are not given travelling allowances ; and

(b) if so, whether the question will be reconsidered and whether these representatives will be treated like other members in the matter of travelling allowance and other allowances ?

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A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) No orders have been issued prohibiting the payment of travelling allowance to representatives of teacher-managers for attending the meetings of District Educational Councils.

Enquiry into the position of Catholic schools in the Presidency.

* 1532 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer to my question No. 1068 answered on 2nd November 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have come to any, and if so what, conclusion in regard to the recommendations of the special officer appointed to enquire into the position of Catholic schools in the Presidency; and

(b) whether Government will be pleased to place the special officer's recommendations before the House or communicate them to the Catholic church authorities or Catholic associations or committees concerned for remarks?

A.—(a) The Government have not yet come to any conclusion.

(b) The Government are unable to publish the recommendations at present.

Teaching of subjects other than English in the vernacular of the locality.

* 1533 Q.—THE ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal before the Government to teach all subjects other than English in the vernacular of the locality in the high school classes?

A.—There is no such proposal before Government. The Department of Public Instruction has already circularized that managers of schools are at liberty to choose either English or vernacular as the medium of instruction in Forms IV, V and VI of secondary schools. The department has, however, recommended that approximately half of the time devoted to instruction, including the periods devoted to the teaching of English, should be given to teaching through English and the other half through the vernacular.

Introduction of amending Bills to the Madras Local Boards Act and the Madras Elementary Education Act.

* 1534 Q.—MR. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether during the year 1928 any comprehensive amending Bills to the Madras Local Boards Act of 1920, and the Madras Elementary Education Act of 1920, will be introduced into the Council; and

(b) if so, the probable month when they will be introduced; and the general lines on which the amendments are drafted?

A.—(a) It is likely that the Bills to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, and the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, will be introduced in 1928.